

REMARKS

This Response, filed in reply to the Office Action dated July 6, 2006, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 stands rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 and 18 of U.S. Patent No. 09/289,600, which is the parent application of this case. To expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant herewith submits a terminal disclaimer.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No. 10/662,518

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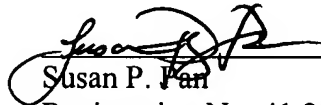
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